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Israel submits suggestions for changing Covenant to Arafat

ISRAEL has submitted to Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat four ways to change the Palestinian Covenant...

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STEVE RODAN meeting in Jerusalem. Taub, who listed the above three options...

Officials said amending the Palestinian Covenant is no longer solely an Israeli or Palestinian issue...

the PNC to muster the two-thirds majority necessary to change the covenant...



A soldier at the Mt. Herzl military cemetery stands over the graves of comrades killed in Sunday's bus bombing in Jerusalem.

Peres links Hebron pullout to PA crackdown on Hamas

IF Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat does not crack down on Islamic militants...

DAVID MAKOVSKY no longer be the case. "You have public legitimacy, and you have the means...

society. This will be one of the things we are going to correct [in talks with him]...

Bombers were Hebron-area Hamas men

TWO men from a refugee camp south of Hebron have been identified as the likely perpetrators of Sunday's Jerusalem and Ashkelon bombings...

JON IMMANUEL According to a preliminary GSS investigation, the two left their camp immediately after the closure was lifted on Friday...

bombings. El-Fawar, south of the settlement of Haggai, is a relatively small and quiet camp with 5,000 residents...

Likud deal with Levy in Tsomet's hands

A DEAL to bring David Levy's party into the Likud-Tsomet ticket now depends on whether Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan will agree to cut its slots to make room for Levy's people...

SARAH HONIG They note that the great change on his part is his willingness to deal with his arch-adversary Netanyahu, even if via an intermediary...

leave Likud with only 26 slots, and risk a ground swell of resentment against Netanyahu and the possible failure of some of Likud's leading figures to enter the Knesset...

Shahak: Hamas preparing wing to continue terror

HAMAS is preparing a secret wing which would continue terror attacks even if the organization were to reach an agreement with the Palestinian Authority...

LIAT COLLINS stopping terror. Shahak also said Hamas and Islamic Jihad are highly motivated to continue attacks...

infrastructure but was "influenced by a group of other interests." Shahak said the period of quiet which ended with Sunday's bombings was due to the actions of the Israeli security forces...

Police: J'lem crash almost certainly a terror attack

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MONDAY afternoon's incident in which a car crashed into a crowded north Jerusalem bus stop was "in all probability" a terror attack by an Islamic fundamentalist...

BILL HUTMAN Islamic Jihad was found in Hamideh's car. However, Amit added, Hamideh was not a known member of the Islamic Jihad or any other terror group...

jurisdiction. Those reports, in both the Arabic and Hebrew press, depicted Hamideh as an emotionally unstable, ex-drug addict who had become a fanatic Moslem...

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West Bank radicals turn from Arafat to path of intifada

BEFORE this week's horrific terrorist attacks, the election campaign had focused public attention on contacts between Israelis and Palestinians about the final settlement.

The attacks may have dispelled one fallacy that was gaining ground: formulating a final settlement was not as difficult as had been thought and that academics on both sides, loaded down with goodwill, would produce the right answers.

This of course is far from true, for two good reasons: Neither Israelis nor Palestinians know what kind of permanent settlement each side wants or can agree on.

The other reason is the atmosphere in the West Bank is becoming more, not less, radical. Not only is the start of permanent settlement talks in doubt, but a return of the intifada is possible.

The inability of both sides to determine a final structure is complicated by having two Israeli-Palestinian teams pushing for different solutions.

There is the team of Minister Yossi Beilin and Palestinian Authority Planning Minister Nabil Shaath which has been trying to phrase a solution in terms of "the Palestinian state," meaning independent of Israel or Jordan.

The other team is that of Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir and PA Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Ahmed Qreia (Abu Ala). This has been working on a formula for tripartite confederation between Israel, the Palestinians and Jordan. It would start with industrial parks in the territories based on Israeli-Palestinian economic cooperation and would be extended later to Jordanian-Palestinian-Israeli joint ventures, making one economic unit out of three political entities.

There were reports last week of

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a draft agreement on a Palestinian entity decoupled from Jordan. The problem is that while Arafat favors this "Beilin-Shaath approach," Shimon Peres supports that of Savir-Qreia.

The prime minister's inability to persuade Arafat to start real confederate talks with King Hussein was among the other reasons for delaying the start of the final phase negotiations and for calling early elections.

When those talks really start, they will not be "a piece of cake," as some optimists last week were suggesting. The issues on the agenda will be extremely difficult to resolve: Jerusalem, settlements, refugees, borders. Also, many groups that until now refused to join the peace process, like religious parties in Israel and radical Palestinian opposition groups, now want to have their say, further complicating the talks.

Even worse is the radicalization of West Bank public opinion, a trend illustrated by changes occurring in the Palestinian Democratic Federation (FIDA).

FIDA resulted from a long chain of splits in Nayef Hawatmeh's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine over whether to join Arafat in the peace process, abandon military struggle slogans and establish a political party.

The head of this group was Yasser Abed Rabbo, who moved from being Hawatmeh's deputy to one of Arafat's main supporters in the talks with Israel, and a member of the Palestinian Authority.

But two weeks ago, Abed Rabbo resigned from the FIDA secretariat to be replaced by Salah Ra'fat. He is not part of the PA, but was

known by FIDA's inner circle to have reservations about the Oslo agreements and the PA.

A new political committee was nominated and given the task of uniting all opposition groups into one major party or front.

Kuwait's News Agency (KUNA) even quoted Ra'fat calling on George Habash to join the new party.

Altogether, FIDA is leaving its long partnership with Arafat and heading back into opposition.

This is a spinoff from the Palestinian elections. FIDA reached a dead end by agreeing to Arafat's quota system, namely to refrain from a real ballot contest and accept beforehand the joint lists imposed on voters.

Though FIDA was the only major party to concede to this demand, Fatah still conspired against their candidates and most failed.

FIDA regretted the move because it went against its ideal of encouraging democracy.

During Id al-Fitr, FIDA activists became key participants in the National-Muslim Committee to Defend the Lands which convened in Bethlehem.

They attacked the PA as "irresponsible" in land disputes with Israel. Besides FIDA were major Fatah dissidents like Hanan Ashrawi. They also attacked the PA for not convening the elected body, thus trying to minimize its role.

This is an embryo West Bank leadership organizing against the old PLO. It is ready to be aided by traditional Arafat rivals like Habash and Hawatmeh, and will use the settlement issue as its prime weapon against the PA.

This will take final status complications beyond the reach of Beilin and Shaath. It also risks sparking a new intifada.



At National Arlington Cemetery Monday, a representative of the US Army escorts a Kuwaiti child to place a US flag on the Remembrance Panel during ceremonies marking the casualties of the Gulf war. (Reuters)

Report: Saddam personally killed sons-in-law

IRAQ'S Saddam Hussein personally interrogated and killed his two sons-in-law, according to a report published in an Arabic newspaper this week.

Ash-Shark al-Awsat, citing diplomats and travelers arriving in Jordan from Iraq, said Hussein interrogated the two men and personally killed them after forcing them to divorce his daughters.

The newspaper is published in numerous Arab cities, including Casablanca.

The two men, Lt.-Gen. Hussein Kamel and his brother Col. Saddam Kamel, returned to Iraq with their families last week from Amman, where they had fled in August.

Shortly before the killings, the government-controlled media said that Hussein's daughters, Raghda and Rana, had divorced their husbands.

Iraqi media have portrayed the attack as a spontaneous uprising by the al-Majid clan against the defectors, for staining family honor.

Ash-Shark al-Awsat reported the assassination was covered up as a family feud to hide the fact that Saddam had committed the murders himself.

The Arab newspaper report also said that a state of emergency has been declared within the Iraqi secret services and Saddam's personal security guard.

King Hussein, the erstwhile host of the defectors, said he was disgusted by the killings and predicted a change in Saddam's leadership.

The Jordanian monarch, once Saddam's closest ally, was the first Arab leader to comment on the murders.

In Cairo, Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said the slayings, likely to derail Cairo's effort to bring Iraq back to the Arab fold, were "regrettable."

But the Iraqi opposition and leading Arab newspapers blamed

News agencies CASABLANCA

Saddam and his eldest son, Uday.

"I am disgusted by what has happened and I am really unable to express myself toward this terrible time [in Iraq]," said the Jordanian monarch.

Asked whether he expected a change in the Iraqi leadership, he told reporters: "I believe it is inevitable. Things can't go on like that."

Meanwhile, three days after the killings, former US attorney-general Ramsey Clark was reported as strongly supporting Saddam.

Baghdad newspapers said Clark, attorney-general from 1967 to 1969, met Saddam and expressed "happiness to visit Iraq and meet the president."

Pictures of Clark and Saddam were put on front-pages of state-run newspapers, as well as *Babel*, the newspaper owned by Saddam's son, Uday.

The newspapers said Clark pledged to Saddam "he would continue his work and struggle for lifting the unjust embargo on the Iraqi people."

Clark has made repeated visits over Kuwait. This time, he was given the red-carpet treatment and an audience with Saddam.

He was also taken on tours of Iraq's southern provinces, hardest hit under the devastating UN sanctions.

In an interview with the government newspaper *al-Jumhuriya*, Clark heaped praise on Saddam who he said was endowed with "the power and will enabling him to take Iraq to a bright future."

"Saddam was able to maintain the territorial integrity of his country despite the hardship of the situation," Clark told the newspaper.

He described the UN trade sanctions on Iraq as "an act of sabotage and crime since they deny food and medicine to a whole nation."

Farrakhan unrepentant after Middle East tour

AN unrepentant Louis Farrakhan this week boasted of accepting a \$1 billion pledge from Muammar Gaddafi but said he was preaching peace in Libya and Iraq, not coveting with dictators. And he said he hopes to return soon.

"You follow your conscience, I'll follow mine," the Nation of Islam leader told thousands of supporters in his first speech after a controversial 18-nation tour of Africa and the Middle East.

"I respect the American flag, I would never burn the American flag ... but I can't pledge allegiance to it," he said at the group's Savior Day honoring the birth of Nation of Islam founder Fard Muhammad. "We don't give allegiance to nothing or no one but God."

He challenged the call of US Rep. Peter King for congressional hearings in response to Farrakhan's criticism of US policy toward Iraq and Libya.

"Bring me before Congress!" he shouted. "It's time for a showdown anyway."

The State Department also admonished Farrakhan for "coveting with dictators" after he met with Gaddafi and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Farrakhan, who also traveled to Iran, Nigeria and Sudan, called parts of his trip "statesmanlike" and said he was on "fact-finding missions" as he sought healing in Africa.

Critics say the real goal of Farrakhan's trip was to raise money in Muslim countries. Farrakhan's US-based group is made up of African-Americans.

Farrakhan said he both sought peace and accepted a pledge from Gaddafi to provide at least \$1b. to build the black community and increase its political power. He said he told the Libyan leader that violence is not his way, although he issued several veiled threats against the US government.

"Gaddafi's a revolutionary. He's my friend, he's my brother, and I would never deny him because you don't like him," Farrakhan said. "If you're going to deny black people the help of our brother, then we're going to rise up against you."

Supporters blamed the controversy surrounding Farrakhan on veiled racism.

"Sometimes there may be a need for an African-American to engage in shadow diplomacy to bring Africa together," said Bob Storman, spokesman for the African-American Leadership

Summit.

"There's a long history of this kind of thing," Storman said. "I don't think America is quite ready to see African-Americans play a major role in global affairs."

Farrakhan's tour of countries on the US list for sponsoring terrorism came only four months after his Million Man March was thought to have brought him somewhat closer to the political mainstream.

Farrakhan said the march, in which hundreds of thousands of black men went to the nation's capital and vowed to take responsibility for improving their lives and families, brought the plight of American blacks to the world.

The State Department indicated Farrakhan's passport would be scrutinized for evidence that he used it illegally to enter Libya or Iraq. He underwent normal federal entry procedures upon his return.

Under US law, citizens may not travel to Libya or Iraq without a special validation in their passports, granted by the State Department. Spokesman Nicholas Burns said the department was forbidden by the Privacy Act from disclosing whether an American had requested such a validation. (AP)

Qatar guards wounded by friendly fire

ONE patrol of the Qatar emir's guard "mistakenly" opened fire on another, wounding two guardsmen, the general command of the armed forces said this week.

Qatar, a small Gulf nation of 450,000 people, has been jittery since a group of about 60 members of a deposed emir's bodyguard staged a failed coup attempt a week ago.

The armed forces said the incident involving the Emiri Guard of the current ruler, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani, occurred earlier in the day near a busy highway intersection on the edge of the capital, Doha.

Qatar, which controls the world's third-largest gas reserves, said last week it had foiled a plot by supporters of deposed emir Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad al-Thani.

The deposed emir denied he was behind the plot, describing it as a popular movement against the rule of his son. Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani, who ousted his father in June.

In nearby Bahrain, four people

Kuwaitis urge world pressure on Iraq over missing relatives

KUWAITIS marking the fifth anniversary of the end of the Gulf war marched this week to demand more pressure to force Iraq to free Kuwaitis believed still held five years after Baghdad's occupation.

"We should kill Saddam for what he has done to our people," said Aisha al-Ghanim, who said she had not seen her nephew Msaad since his arrest four days after Iraq's August 1990 invasion.

"I hope [Msaad] is still alive. But if he is dead, we must know where he died and where his body is."

"Saddam is a devil. He has no care for human life," said businessman Musa Marafie. He had had no word of two cousins, one a young woman, since their arrest in the occupation.

Hundreds of men, women and children, some weeping and shouting "Allahu akbar," waved banners and carried a 150-meter-long fabric decorated with photographs and drawings of the missing along a Gulf shoreline road escorted by police.

They had draped skyscrapers in giant flags and yellow ribbons and wound yellow material around palm trees to back demands for more efforts to discover their fate.

But the march was smaller than similar marches shortly after the war and some said they feared interest in the cause flagged as the years passed with no result.

The relatives said they wanted the UN to send inspectors to search Iraq for missing Kuwaitis just as a UN commission in charge of disarming Iraq searches it for weapons of mass destruction.

Kuwait, with 1.8 million people, wants Iraq to account for more than 600 Kuwaitis including women and children who went missing during the seven-month occupation.

Iraq has said it has freed all those it captured during the crisis, but has promised to look at the issue. (Reuters)

Egypt prints Gaddafi short stories

EGYPT'S state-run publishing house has printed 100,000 copies of a book written by Libyan leader Col. Muammar Gaddafi for sale during the Cairo Book Fair.

"Gaddafi's name will make the book sell very well," said Samir Sarhan, director of the Egyptian General Book Authority. "So far, sales are doing well."

Sarhan said the proceeds would go toward building schools and libraries in Egypt and that the authority planned to print more copies after the book fair ends on

March 4. Sarhan declined to say how many copies had been sold.

Gaddafi published *The Village, the Village, the Land, the Land and the Suicide of the Astronaut* last November.

In the book, which is a collection of short stories and essays, Gaddafi extols the virtues of a rural life, where people can cultivate the land and admire sunsets and other natural beauty.

He writes, too, about his love for his father and for his people, despite his fear that their "blind hand can kill even the loved ones."

Gaddafi, an outspoken foe of the

West, wrote the *Green Book* in the 1970s, a polemic heralding what he called the "Third Universal Theory" which he touted as an alternative to communism and capitalism. (AP)

S. Africa soothes Algerian anger

SOUTH Africa has reassured Algeria that it did not intend to interfere in the north African country's internal affairs, the South African foreign affairs department said this week.

It said deputy foreign minister Aziz Pahad was satisfied his weekend visit to Algeria had led to an understanding between the two.

Algeria voiced its anger at President Nelson Mandela's meeting with an Islamic radical whom Algerians branded as a "mastermind terrorist."

Mandela earlier this month met Anwar Haddam, president of the outlawed Islamic Salvation Front's (FIS) parliamentary delegation. But South African officials said afterwards Haddam had misrepresented their talks. "The meeting necessity between President Mandela and a representative of FIS did not signal an intention by South Africa to interfere in the internal affairs of Algeria and our relations with Algeria would not be tarnished by this meeting," the statement said.

"South Africa had regarded the meeting as having taken place within the context of its stance on the issues of democracy, human rights, conflict prevention and resolution," it said.

Algerian security forces killed 38 Muslim extremists in their latest operations, bringing to 60 the number reported slain in a six-day period, security sources said. The latest sweeps took place in 12 of the 48 provinces. A statement by the security services said six of the rebels died in the Saharan town of Laghouat. Another five were shot dead in the northeastern mountain town of Batna. (Reuters)

OCCUPATION: NAZI HUNTER

The Continuing Search for Perpetrators of the Holocaust

The renewed interest in the efforts to prosecute the perpetrators of the Holocaust was sparked by revelations that Allied countries such as USA, UK, Canada and Australia had afforded a postwar haven to thousands of Nazi collaborators. Efraim Zuroff, director of the Israel Office of the Simon Wiesenthal Center and coordinator of the Center's research on Nazi war criminals, discusses in his book how Nazi-hunting was revived in the seventies, how it was carried out in the eighties and whether it can continue in the nineties.

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TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ROBERT DANIEL



STOCK indexes finished little changed as investors awaited corporate earnings reports due out over the next week to 10 days.

The Two-Sided index of 100 leading shares fell 0.13 percent to 209.74. The Maof Index of 25 top issues slipped 0.10 percent to 218.33.

Koor was the most active issue, losing 3% on NIS 3.7m. traded. The stock dropped following its half-point loss Monday in the US and its Tadiran Ltd. subsidiary said it would award options on as much as 3.8% of its shares to nine top executives in an incentive plan.

Right behind Koor was Nice Systems Ltd., the Tel Aviv maker of voice recording and retrieval systems, up 6.5% percent on NIS 3.3m. of shares traded.

The shekel finished at 3.1, stronger than yesterday's 3.106. (Bloomberg)

FTSE closes moderately higher

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - UK shares held on to gains posted in the morning to end slightly higher on the day, despite another volatile session in New York, dealers said.

FRANKFURT - German shares closed bourse dealings ahead by 0.11 percent in stagnant, uncertain trade, with the dollar remaining strong and bonds slightly firmer.

PARIS - French shares ended higher, with interest focused on Valeo and speculation on Chargeurs, after trading in the holding company was suspended yesterday morning.

ZURICH - Swiss shares shrugged off a weak Wall Street and closed higher on buying in selected blue chips.

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Blue-chip stocks bounced back from a steep drop yesterday but still closed with a double-digit loss as Wall Street worried that interest rates may be starting to move higher.

Blue-chip stocks rebound, but still end lower

WALL STREET REPORT

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Off-duty SLA man killed, wife hurt, in attack

A SOUTH Lebanese Army soldier was killed and his wife and three other soldiers were wounded in coordinated Hizbullah attacks yesterday morning on three separate SLA targets inside the security zone.

Reports from Lebanon said members of the Islamic Resistance, Hizbullah's fighting arm, blasted SLA posts in the A-Tiri, Hadatha and Rashaf areas.

The wounded SLA soldiers and the wife of the off-duty soldier who was killed were treated in the field and later evacuated to nearby Bint J'bal hospital.

News agencies reporting from Lebanon said three SLA soldiers had been killed and two others wounded in the Hizbullah attacks, in contrast to the reports from the zone.

Meanwhile, Lebanese newspapers reported yesterday that the IDF and SLA had detained dozens of people in the zone for questioning in connection with the abduction last week of a Lebanese man who had reputedly worked for the Mossad.

According to newspaper reports, 14 SLA men were among those who had been questioned in connection with the abduction, as well as members of the family of the two alleged SLA defectors.

DAVID RUDGE

WEATHER section with a map of Israel and weather forecasts for various cities including Tel Aviv, Haifa, and Jerusalem.

Olmert: Jerusalem to issue bonds in US

THE Jerusalem Municipality plans to issue a half-million dollars worth of municipal bonds in the United States, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert said yesterday.

The municipality is also reportedly looking into tax breaks for those purchasing the bonds in the US.



Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak attend a memorial service yesterday at Mount Herzl for the 444 IDF soldiers whose burial place is unknown.

More opportunities for women soldiers

LIAT COLLINS

THE planned changes in the IDF's manpower policy will include more womanpower, a meeting of a subcommittee of the Knesset's Committee for the Status of Women was told yesterday.

On the status of her own office, Oron said "The Women's Corps is only a means, not an end in itself. If there were optimal integration, the corps would not be necessary."

Oron and Segev confirmed that changes are planned but are still in the formative stages. The main impact on women soldiers' service will be greater mainstreaming.

She said the IDF should trust male officers to be responsible for their women soldiers in the same way they are responsible for the men.

"The idea is to increase the contribution to the IDF and to benefit the girls themselves," said Oron.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ten years for molesting daughter

A Petah Tikva man convicted of sexually molesting his 14-year-old retarded daughter was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment by the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday.

The man, 39, was convicted on five counts of sexual assault that occurred in 1994 and 1995. According to the charges, he entered his daughter's bedroom at night and would get into bed with her.

Police opening station in eastern Jerusalem

Police will open a new station in the heart of eastern Jerusalem next week, demonstrating the country's intention of never giving up control of the city.

"This is our answer to those who say we are planning to make concessions on Jerusalem," Shahal said, at the annual Jerusalem police conference.

The new station is to be located in the main post office building on Salah A-Din Street. It will be the first police station established in eastern Jerusalem outside the Old City by Israel.

Sobol play sweeps Japan's theater awards

THE Japanese production of Yehoshua Sobol's Ghetto in Tokyo has virtually swept Japan's 1995 top theater and arts awards, winning three of the five categories in Japan's most prestigious theater prize, the Yomiuri Drama Awards.

Ghetto also received the Maimichi Art and Yoshiko Yuasa prizes for best play. Director Kuriyama was also awarded the Kinokuniya Theater Prize and the Education Ministry Art Encouragement Prize.

Fred Somekh dies at 85

Fred Somekh, a former president of the International Congress of Public Accountants, died yesterday at age 85. Educated in Britain, Somekh was awarded the Order of the British Empire in 1979, and the Bronze Medal of the City of Paris in 1967.

Law permits 6 days leave to treat partner's parents

LIAT COLLINS

WAGE earners can take six days sick leave a year to tend the parents of their partners, under a law which passed second and third readings in the Knesset last night.

Until now, wage earners could only take sick days to tend their children or their own parents if they were ill. The law does not allow both partners to take time off on the same pretext.

According to another law which passed final reading yesterday, a housewife who is not employed outside the home will be entitled to her own old-age benefits, as opposed to just a supplement to her husband's benefits.

The Knesset Labor and Social Affairs Committee yesterday approved for second and third reading an amendment to the Equal Opportunities Law under which men and women must receive equal pay for jobs that are of

"equal value." The law until now has provided for equal pay for the same jobs only. The amendment also grants equal benefits to men and women.

"The reasons for legitimate discrepancies in pay can stem from, among other things, work output, quality, seniority, training or education - as long as there is no discrimination because of gender," said MK Yossi Katz (Labor), the committee chairman.

Another bill which passed second and third readings yesterday defines the requirements necessary for social workers. Under the new law, proposed by MK David Mena (Likud), social workers must have a BA in social work from a recognized institute of higher education.

Histadrut to sell \$26m. worth of diverse property

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

THE Histadrut decided this week to sell 28 real estate properties around the country for an estimated \$26 million.

The proceeds are intended to cover the costs of compensation fees for hundreds of workers who were dismissed or went on early retirement over the past year, as well as covering debts and the Histadrut's move to Jerusalem.

The most valuable properties to be sold include the Mishlav school building on Tel Aviv's Weizman Street; the Ohalo lot on the Kinneret coast which will probably serve as a hotel site; and football fields in Hadera, Kfar Sava and Petah Tikva.

Other properties on the list include the Florentine youth club in Tel Aviv, the Histadrut club in Jaffa, the Arab publishing house in Tel Aviv, the Rehovot Judo club, the Histadrut building in Kiryat Motzkin, the Ra'anana youth club, the Rishon Lezion youth club, a club and library in Petah Tikva, clubs in Tarshiha and Nesher, a lot in the Lod industrial zone, a nursery school in the Moshava Kinneret, a basketball court in Kfar Yona, three clubs and a library in Haifa, a

culture center in Gedera, the Histadrut club in Moshav Geulim, and a club and sports facilities in Jerusalem's Katamon quarter.

Meanwhile, the Histadrut's move to Jerusalem, which was due at the end of last year, has been temporarily postponed to the second half of April. The Histadrut has still not obtained a cost estimate for the move.

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Secular burial bill moves forward

EVELYN GORDON

THE Knesset Law Committee yesterday approved a bill that would allow secular burials for first reading.

The bill, by committee chairman Dedi Zucker and Beany Temkin (Meretz), requires the Religious Affairs Ministry to allocate land for alternative burials, either in existing cemeteries or in new ones. The bill also stipulates that alternative burials will be performed by organizations recognized for this purpose by the ministry, which will set the licensing criteria.

Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet told the committee that four sites have already been located for alternative burial plots in Haifa, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Beersheva. In addition, he said, five kibbutzim have agreed to set up alternative burial societies.

Shetreet also told the committee that 18 private organizations have applied for licenses to perform alternative burials, of which four will be chosen. The licenses will be issued on March 15, he said.

Regarding fees, Shetreet said he is recommending that alternative burial societies simply be paid whatever the religious burial societies are, and that the payments be made through the National Insurance Institute, as they are for religious burials.

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Police: Teacher-student ring was behind Jaffa crime wave

TWO teachers, a janitor and six teenage pupils from a Jaffa high school have been arrested on suspicion of committing dozens of crimes in the past three months, Israel Radio reported yesterday.

The pupils, none of whom have a previous criminal record, confessed to breaking into 53 cars in Jaffa to steal tape decks.

The teachers are suspected of cooperating with the pupils, and one of them, a 37-year-old Tira man, confessed to buying stolen tape decks and speakers from the students. The teachers allegedly encouraged the pupils to commit break-ins and helped hide the goods.

The students, age 14 to 16, are also suspected of torching bus stops, municipal dumpsters and two cars, and have confessed to damaging local businesses by

spreading glue on the locks to their doors so they could not be opened.

The gang was uncovered about two weeks ago when Jaffa police caught two of the youngsters breaking into a car. They confessed, and police later arrested four of their friends.

During their investigation, they told police they had been forced into dealing drugs by adults, some of whom bought stolen goods from them.

The teachers, who live in the Triangle, were arrested early in the week when they returned to school after the Id al-Fitr holiday. The two were released on bail Monday.

Police intend to charge 15 people in the case including the six students, two teachers, the janitor and six local residents. (Tlm)